

REMARKS

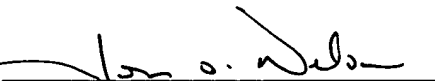
Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 3-19 and 21-23. The Examiner has indicated that the remaining claims 24-51 are allowable as presented.

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request passage of the application to allowance. Applicants are making the noted amendments without prejudice and without waiver of the right to file a continuation and/or division application directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Thus, the acceptance of the allowed claims and cancellation of the remaining claims should not be interpreted as a concession or waiver or estoppel.

Respectfully submitted,

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